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APPLICANTS: Shimkets *et al.*  
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FOR: GROWTH FACTOR POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

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**RESPONSE TO JUNE 24, 2003 OFFICE ACTION**

This filing is in response to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2003 ("Office Action"). It is due on or before October 24, 2003, with the enclosed one-month petition for extension of time and accompanying fee. Prior to further examination, please see the following remarks.